



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 453

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 2 of special act 97-4 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (a) The Hartford Board of Education in existence on the effective
3 date of this act shall dissolve on June 1, 1997. The State Board of
4 Trustees for the Hartford Public Schools, established pursuant to
5 section 3 of [this act] special act 97-4, shall be solely responsible for the
6 management of the Hartford school district, as provided in [this act]
7 special act 97-4, during the period from June 1, 1997, through June 30,
8 2000, except that the State Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public
9 Schools, on or before January 1, 2000, may request the State Board of
10 Education to extend the period [until June 30, 2002] in accordance with
11 subsection (c) of this section. Such request shall be based on such
12 factors as the need for additional time to improve student achievement
13 and sufficiently address the Hartford Improvement Plan described in
14 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 4 of [this act] special act 97-4
15 and the findings and recommendations of the fiscal and operations
16 audit conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of section 6 of [this act]
17 special act 97-4. The State Board of Education shall act on such a
18 request by February 1, 2000. If the State Board of Education grants
19 such an extension, the State Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public
20 Schools shall continue to manage the Hartford school district [through

21 June 30, 2002] in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

22 (b) In January, 2000, [or,] if an extension is not granted pursuant to
23 [this] subsection [, in January, 2002] (a) of this section, the Governor
24 shall issue a writ of election directed to the municipal clerk of the city
25 of Hartford ordering an election to be held in Hartford on a date in
26 March specified in the writ for members of a new local board of
27 education. Such members shall take office on July 1, 2000. [, or July 1,
28 2002, as appropriate.] The terms of office of such members shall be in
29 accordance with the charter of the city of Hartford except that the
30 terms of six members shall expire on the Monday immediately
31 preceding the first Tuesday in December in 2001, [or 2003, as
32 appropriate,] and the terms of three members shall expire on the
33 Monday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in December in 2003.
34 [or 2005, as appropriate.]

35 (c) If an extension is granted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
36 section, (1) the Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public Schools shall
37 manage the Hartford school district through the Monday preceding
38 the first Tuesday in December, 2002, and (2) from the first Tuesday in
39 December, 2002, to the Monday immediately preceding the first
40 Tuesday in December, 2003, the Hartford school district shall be
41 managed by a board of education consisting of four elected members,
42 and five members of the Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public
43 Schools designated by the Governor. The Governor shall designate one
44 of such members of the Board of Trustees as chairperson of the board
45 of education. The elected members shall be elected as part of the
46 election held in November, 2002, and they shall take office on the first
47 Tuesday in December following such election. Such elected members
48 shall serve three-year terms. The five members on the board of
49 education who were designated by the Governor shall be replaced in
50 accordance with this subsection by the first Tuesday in December,
51 2003. Five new members shall be elected as part of the election held in
52 November, 2003, or appointed by November 30, 2003, if appointment
53 is required by the charter of the city of Hartford in effect at such time.
54 Such new members shall take office on the first Tuesday in December

55 following such election or appointment. The terms of such members
56 shall be in accordance with the charter of the city of Hartford.

57 [During the period from the election of such members until June 30,
58 2000, or June 30, 2002, as appropriate, the State Board of Trustees for
59 the Hartford Public Schools shall hold joint meetings with the new
60 Hartford Board of Education to provide for the transition in the
61 management of the Hartford school district from the State Board of
62 Trustees of the Hartford Public Schools to the new Hartford Board of
63 Education.]

64 (d) The state monitors appointed pursuant to section 8 of [this act]
65 special act 97-4 shall continue their duties [under the newly elected
66 board of education for one year] until December 1, 2003.

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*